Money spent on compilation of CAG Report

*179. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether crores of tax payers' money used every year to compile the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report go waste as Central and State Governments do not reply to its recommendations for years;

(b) whether Rs. 12,782 crore were spent on preparing CAG report for the year 2005-06 alone of which Rs. 4,371.21 crore were spent on the report for the Central Government and State Governments and Union Territories accounted for Rs. 8,410.71 crore;

(c) whether the CAG findings have no takers and administration is not responsive to these suggestions; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and steps being considered in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Comptroller and Auditor General conducts audit under the mandate entrusted to him by the Constitution of India. The results of audit are communicated to the auditee organizations through inspection reports and audit notes. The important observations are reported to the Parliament and State and UT legislatures through Audit Reports placed on the table of the House(s). These are discussed with the legislative committees with a view to ensure remedial action by the executive. The auditee organizations and the governments do reply to audit observations made at various stages of audit indicating the action taken. It is, however, true that these responses are sometimes not adequate or timely.

(b) No, Sir. Rs. 12,782 crore was the money value attached to the observations contained in the Audit Reports of the C&AG for the year 2005-06. These included Rs. 4,371.21 crore in respect of Union Government and Rs. 8,410.71 crore in respect of State Governments and Union Territories. The total expenditure on audit under C&AG during the year 2005-06 was Rs. 714 crore.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Responses on audit observations indicating action taken are sent by auditee organizations. In fact, there are numerous instances where laws, policies and rules have been amended by the Government at the instance of Audit.

Policy on investment in airport infrastructure

†*180. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a policy on investment in infrastructure facilities at airports in the country, has been formulated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount required in the Eleventh Five Year Plan under the head; and

(d) by when the amount therefor will be mobilized by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Government is formulating a new policy for Greenfiled airports

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